

NAME: GEHLEN, Reinhard (Ex-Brig. Gen.)

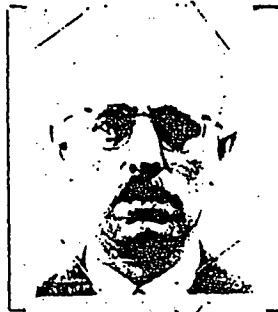
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BIRTHDATE: 3 Apr 1902  
BIRTHPLACE: Erfurt, Thuringia  
RESIDENCE: Berg am Starnberger See  
Waldstr. 68 (near Munich)  
RELIGION: Protestant

GEHLEN, Reinhard  
ALIAS: Dr. SCHNEIDER  
VIT: \_\_\_\_\_  
ALL PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
VEHICLE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
LICENSE #: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AS OF 1958

HEIGHT 5' 8 1/2"  
WEIGHT 145-160  
EYES blue  
HAIR dk blond,  
balding  
PHOTO DATE prob pr 51



BUILD medium  
TEETH \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER glasses, skull  
mustache, military  
bearing, looks  
young for age.

FATHER: Walther GEHLEN, deceased 1943 DOB/POB: 24 Jul 1871 in Koblenz  
MOTHER: Katharina GEHLEN, deceased 1921 DOB/POB: 12 Jun 1881  
(NEE: von VÄRNEWICK)  
SPOUSE: Herta Charlotte Agnes Helene GEHLENDOB/POB: 17 Mar/Apr 1904 in Leobschuetz, Sl  
(NEE: von SEIDLITZ-KURZBACH)(who see)  
CHILDREN: Katharina DÜRRDANGER nee GEHLEN DOD/POB: 19 Jan 1934 in Berlin  
(who see)  
Christoph GEHLEN DOB/POB: 11 Feb 1937 in Berlin  
Marie Therese GEHLEN DOB/POB: 4 Sep 1940 in Liegnitz  
Dorothea GEHLEN DOB/POB: 28 Feb 1943 in Liegnitz  
OTHER RELATIVES W/UPSWING: Giovanni GEHLEN, brother (who see)

UPSWING EMPLOYMENT

DOD: summer 1945 TO: 1946 RANK:  
POSITION: President SECTION: BND PROM: Origin TO:

Note: For details of GEHLEN's background and experience see following pages.

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GEHLEN, Reinhard.  
b. 3 Apr 1902.

Chronological Information:

1908-20 Humanistisches Gymnasium Breslau. Graduated.  
1920, Apr Entered military service (artillery).  
1923 Commissioned Second Lieutenant.  
1928 Promoted First Lieutenant.  
1931, Oct Married Herta (nee von SKEMLITZ-KURZBACH) GEHLEN on 11 Oct 1931, Glogau.  
1933 Travelled to Rome, Italy (leave).  
1933, Fall- Attended War Academy, Berlin.  
1935, Jan Promoted Captain.  
1934 Travelled to Finland and Sweden (leave).  
1937 First General Staff Officer 10 Department Fortifications.  
1937-38 German Wehrmacht troop duty Poland, France, Yugoslavia, Greece, Russia.  
1938-39 Battery Commander.  
1939, Mar Promoted Major.  
39 Sep-Nov Ia (G-3) 211th Infantry Division.  
1939, Nov- OKH Gruppe Landesbefestigung (Chief, Fortifications Sect. General Staff).  
40 Jul-Nov Aide (Adjutant) to Chief of General Staff, General HALDER.  
1940 Nov-  
1942 Apr Chief Gruppenleiter I, Ost (Sect Chief within Dept for Plans and Operations).  
01 Jul Promoted Lieutenant Colonel.  
1942 Apr- Chief ABT Frende Heere Ost.  
1942 Dec Promoted Colonel.  
1944 Dec Promoted Brigadier General.  
1945 Apr Dismissed by Special Order of Hitler on 9th of April.  
1945 May Prisoner of War, U.S. Forces, on 23 May.  
1945 May Prisoner of War arrived at the 12th Army Group HQ on 27 May.  
1945 end Prisoner of War sent to USA by War Department.  
1946 Jun Prisoner of War returned from the States on 5 June.  
1946 Jul Since has cooperated with USIS.  
1946 Reinhard GEHLEN  
Profession: Merchant  
Address: o/o Dr. ERHARDT  
10 Guentherburg Allee  
Frankfurt a/M.  
1946 on Several trips to Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Spain and France.  
1946 Jul 12-  
Nov 30 Subject documented as having lived in Washington, D. C. during this period.  
  
Jan 19 German stamp.  
" 19 London Airport.  
" 22 Harwick, England.  
" 23 Rock of Holland.  
" 23 Kon. Marechaus Venlo stat. (Dutch border).  
" 23 German stamp.  
  
56 May 30 Dover.  
" 30 Belgique-U Havenoostenda.  
" 30 Belgique-E Herbesihal 27.  
Jun 1 Belgique-S Herbesihal.  
" 1 Belgique-S Havenoostenda Zeevaartpolitie 11.  
" 1 Dover.

This Information  
was extracted from  
Robert GEHLEN's  
passport,  
(Immigration stampings).

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**NAMES:** GEHLEN, Reinhard (Ex-Brig. Gen.)

Hqs. [redacted]

**GEHLEN von VAGENSTECK, Reinhard:** Occasional references to this name which would indicate that either Subject or his father combined their surnames with that of Subject's mother — fairly common practise in Germany.

**ALIASES:** Dr. Richard SCHNEIDER, b. 4 Mar 1905. Covername used within the Org.

Richard GÄRTER, b. 3 Apr 1902.

Robert GÖTTARD, b. 4 Mar 1905.

(Subject has been issued at various times German identity papers in connection with the three aliases mentioned above).

Hans HOLBEIN, b. 21 Jan 1905. Issued AGO-card 3447996. This alias used only occasionally, for instance in travelling to Austria.

Dr. GRABER (Dr. GRABE) These aliases used whenever special precautionary measures are warranted and whenever mistaken identity with another person of the same name is desirable.

Robert GRABER, b. 5 Jun 1904, Liegnitz, Schlesien. (Kaufmann).

**BORN:** 3 Apr 1902; Erfurt, Thuringia, Germany.

**RELIGION:** Protestant.

**RESIDENCE:** Berg a/Starnberger See, Waldstr 68. (near Munich, Germany).

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** Photo.

Height: 174 cms. Weight: 65-72 kg Eyes: blue Hair: dark blonde, face-shape: round Complexion: light Build: medium central baldness.

Scars:

Prominent ident. features: military bearing, extremely young looking compared with chronological years, small mustache, wears glasses.

**FATHER:** GEHLEN, Walther; b. 24 Jul 1871 in Lohstädt. Deceased 1943.

(Director of a Publishing Firm in Leipzig. Former Army officer, retired after WW I with the rank of Lt. Col., reactivated in WW II, held unimportant administrative position).

Margarete

**MOTHER:** GEHLEN, Katharina/b. 12 Jan 1881 (nee von VAGENSTECK). Deceased 1922.

**WIFE:** GEHLEN, Herta Charlotte Agnes Helene b. 17 Mar/Apr 1904, Leobschütz, Silesia. (the daughter of Friedrich-Wilhelm and Meta (nee KICHLER) von SKINDLAK-SCHIEBACH).

**CHILDREN:** GEHLEN, Katharine b. 19 Jan 34, Berlin.

GEHLEN, Christoph b. 11 Feb 37, Berlin.

GEHLEN, Marie Therese b. 4 Sep 40, Liegnitz.

GEHLEN, Dorothee b. 28 Feb 43, Liegnitz.

**OTHER RELATIVES:** Subject is one of four children resulting from three marriages by his father, each following the death of the previous wife. One of these marriages resulted in two children, and each of the others in one. At least one of the wives had been previously married and had children. Thus Subject has full, half, and step brothers and sisters.

GEHLEN, Giovanni b. 15 Mar 1901, Rome, Italy.

GEHLEN, Walter (Dr) b. ca 1905, Germany. Book-editor. Killed during bombardment of Nuremberg on 20 Oct 1945.

GEHLEN, Eva (wife). Died in the Orient (Shanghai) during the war.

GEHLEN, Barbara (nee GEHLEN) b. 5 Jul 1912 Braunschweig, Germany. (Barbara married a distant relative, Walter Carlos von GEHLEN, ex-German Navy employee, trained lawyer, who had worked for the British on a Navy Project in Italy, also listed as accountant. He was transferred to Lisbon from Brazil where he is presently listed as the Comptroller for Economic Affairs of the German Legation, Lisbon, Portugal).

GEHLEN, Hans Dietrich (Dr of medicine) b. 4 Jan 39 Göttingen, Fr. Preuss. (Physician).

(Dr) also a step-brother.

Kow, Eva (Dr) also a step-brother.

GEHLEN, Joachim Hans (married to b. 7 Dec 31 Leobschütz. Brother-in-law).

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BOB: 1946, MLS Co-operation;  
Payroll No: 3002, Jan 46 yr, from "S" to "P" category: W 125/250%.  
Emergency No:  
Position: Chief, Section 28 (ex-Section 30).  
Organization:  
Cover Unit: Industrial Research Unit  
7924 Army Procurement Team.  
Subject is connected with Bavarian Light Metals Works.  
Special Connections No: 20  
Housing Loan No. 8, dated 1 Apr 51.  
Bank: Bayerische Vereinsbank, Munich.

DOCUMENTATION:

Passport: Reinhard GEHLEN via VAERNEWICK, TTD #.0006485 (50-51).  
Reinhard GEHLEN, TTD 0006440 issued Stuttgart, 30 Sep 49 valid to  
30 Mar 50 for USA.  
TTD 0006329 valid for Switzerland, Austria, Italy,  
Spain and France (50).  
TTD 0587767 issued 20 Jun 51 for UJDRACO purpose.  
Passport No. 849/51.  
Robert CONTARD: Passport No. 186070.  
Passport No. 49203.  
Robert GRAUER: Passport No. 7203699, Reg. Nr. CA-1004/54 issued  
5 Nov 54, Munich, profession: Kaufmann.

Arketa: Reinhard GEHLEN: H 519712, 3 Mar 47, Police President, Frankfurt/M.  
B Q3611.

Richard SCHNEIDER: H 478959 (also listed as H 478055). Address: Munich,  
Seefelderstr 8.

Pistol Permit: Reinhard GEHLEN, Automatic pistol permit OC 01082, 20 Mar 51.  
Pistol Permit, F & D, B 046419, 6 Feb 53.

Automatic pistol, Belg. Browning, Ser# 108877.  
Richard SCHNEIDER: Gun permit CC 01025, F & D, 1 Mar 51,  
automatic pistol German Walther PPK,  
Serial # 227066 K.

7th Army E Letter: Issued 29 Jul 53.

ZIPPER ID Card: B 03611.

ZIPPER "E" Card:

Cate Pass: Richard SCHNEIDER, # 1088.

REFERENCES: (MOMI-870)

2	19	WASH-316.	15 Jul 50	PULL-801.	11 Mar 52	MGLA-10723.	4 Oct 54,	EGLA-
17	19	MOMI-346.	17 Jul 50	WASHP-9915.	28 Mar 52	MSRA-5170.	10921	
19	19	MGLA-3780.	18 Jul 50	MOMI-5501.	11 Apr 52	MGLA-3403.	25 Jan 55	EGLA-
40	19	MGLA-12714.	19 Jul 50	MOMA-30774.	22 Apr 52	MQQA-3873.	1296.	
1 Dec 50	19	MGLA-12751.	19 Jul 50	MGLA-2658.	17 May 52	MGLA-11678.	18 May 55	EGLA-
1 Jan 50	19	MGLA-1015.	26 Aug 50	MGLA-22030.	29 May 52	MGLA-11778.	14168.	
17 Feb 50	19	MGLA-12779.	28 Aug 50	MOMI-6150.	17 Jun 52	PULL-3715.	26 Aug 55	PULL-
1 Mar 50	19	MGLA-1419.	6 Sep 50	MOMA-6180.	19 Aug 52	MGLA-12873.	1466.	
21 Mar 50	19	MGLA-14959.	20 Sep 50	MFTA-5751.	27 Aug 52	MGLA-12955.	2 Sep 55	PULL-
20 Mar 50	19	MGLA-1540.	19 Oct 50	PULL-1195.	10 Sep 52	EGLA-113.	1723.	
20 Mar 50	19	MGLA-1542.	23 Oct 50	WASHP-17828.	26 Sep 52	EGLA-323.	16 Dec 55	EGLA-
3 Apr 50	19	MFTA-3635.	30 Oct 50	MGLA-3904.	3 Oct 52	EPULL-4217.	72164	
3 Apr 50	19	MFTA-3636.	9 Nov 50	MOMA-4364.	6 Nov 52	ESPA-253.	28 Dec 55	EGLA-
17 Apr 50	19	MFTA-3657.	30 Dec 50	MGLA-4584.	13 Nov 52	SPULL-1439.	7844.	
14 Apr 50	19	MGLA-1806.	17 Feb 51	MGLA-5260.	15 Jan 53	ESPA-542.	28 Mar 56	EGLA-
18 Apr 50	19	MOMI-4735.	10 Mar 51	MGLA-5608.	11 Feb 53	EGLA-1600.	2369.	
9 May 50	19	PULL-579.	4 Apr 51	PULL-1961.	20 Apr 53	SPULL-5474.	19 Oct 56,	EGLA-
15 May 50	19	WASHP-4761.	14 Jun 51	MGLA-6849.	29 Apr 53	SPOMI-9677.	21104.	
17 May 50	19	PULL-612.	20 Jun 51	MOMA-30219.	30 Apr 53	SPULL-5534.		
1 Jun 50	19	MFTA-381X.	24 Jul 51	MGLA-7487.	8 Oct 53	EGLA-2918.		
9 Jun 50	19	PULL-685.	30 Jul 51	MGLA-7582.	8 Oct 53	EGLA-5838.		
14 Jun 50	19	MOMI-5212.	8 Oct 51	MGLA-8060.	2 Nov 53	SBOMI-1214.		
5 Jul 50	19	MOMI-5372.	5 Jan 52	MGLA-716.	6 Jan 54	EGLA-6975.		
7 Jul 50	19	MGLA-2524.	24 Jan 52	MATA-1237.	8 Jan 54	DTR-33337.		
10 Jul 50	19	MGLA-2603.	12 Feb 52	MGLA-10303.	9 Feb 54	EGLA-3748.		

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Outline of career of Reinhard GEHLEN as presented in Der Spiegel, Vol VIII,  
No 31, 22 Sep 1954, Hamburg, pg 12-25

Father: Had been active officer in old army; retired early; became publication director at publishing house of Ferdinand Hirt in Breslau

- (16 years old; secondary-school graduate)
- 1920 Reinhard GEHLEN one of first officer candidates of new temporary Reichswehr (Reich Armed Forces) whose reduction to 100,000 men was still in future; joined First Battery of the Schweidnitz Artillery Regiment No. 2nd
- 1923, Dec 1 Commissioned/Lt., 2nd Battery of Schweidnitz 3rd Artillery Regiment, formed from the 6th Artillery Regt.  
Three more years in battery service in the stables and in the barracks.
- 1926 GEHLEN, one of the most brilliant riders in the regiment, was ordered to Hannover cavalry school for 2 years (instruction of officers of mounted and horse-drawn troops in "the comprehensive training of the soldier's horse and its rider.")
- 1928 During cavalry-school tour of duty made 1st Lt., after 8 years of service.
- 1929-32 Battalion Adjutant (accord. to army register); had 12 years of service; was married to daughter of old Hussar officer, nee von MÜDLITZ.  
ordered to
- 1933 1st Lt. GEHLEN from Ad 3, Military Area III, Berlin for training as "assistant chief of staff" ~~fallkampfkommandant~~ at military-area hqs following selection based on mandatory examinations which all Reichswehr officers had to take at military-area hqs in middle of the first-lieutenant stage; hardly ever were more than an average of 10 officer picked from each military area. There was no central war academy.
- 1934 Captain; 14th years of service  
Military-area instruction courses transferred to the re-established Berlin War Academy. Reinhard GEHLEN belonged to first class which in 1935 completed the final grind at the War Academy, and was one of the selected ("red stripe" General Staff) officers ordered to the General Staff; after a probationary year he was definitely moved to the General Staff and allowed to wear the red stripe on his pants.
- Adjutant to Deputy Chief of General Staff I (Operations) on the General Staff of the Army, who was deputy of the Chief of Staff and also in charge of Section 1 (Operations); Capt. GEHLEN had no contact with Sec. 3 (Foreign Armies West) und 12 (Foreign Armies East) because they were under command of Deputy Chief of the General Staff IV (Intelligence). After a year as Adjutant, GEHLEN transferred to Operations Section under command of General von MUNKSTEIN; after a further year moved into Home Fortification Section which had been formed from Section 1.

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Capt. GEHLEN, in his 18th year of service, had never commanded a unit of his own.

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General von MANSTEIN on 1 Apr 35 took command of 18th Infantry Division whose 12th Artillery Regiment had grown out of C of S, GEHLEN's parent unit; Capt. GEHLEN assigned commander of the 8th battery of the 18th Regiment at Liegnitz.

In Polish War, Major GEHLEN was First General-Staff Officer (Ia), 18th Div.

Recalled to General Staff of the Army; first functioned as liaison officer to various armies (16th of Gen. EUSCH "where so difficult a man as Gen. MCDEL was C of S; and armored groups of HOTH and SCHMIDT).

Diplomatic talents exhibited by GEHLEN as liaison officer prompted Chief of the General Staff, General HALDER, to name him as his Adjutant.

After his tour as adjutant, GEHLEN called to Operations section under command of then Colonel HUSSINGER; GEHLEN became director of Eastern Group in Operations section.

Replaced Colonel KIMMEL as chief of section "Foreign Armies East"; Colonel GEHLEN for the first time came in contact with variant of intelligence-service functions. GEHLEN promoted successfully, within a year, inclusion of intelligence-service duties and evaluation of results in Ic section: to extent that Ic officers of army-group/high commands had so-called "front-reconnaissance troops" at their disposal in regimental strength; front reconnaissance formations were divided up into Commands I (procurement of secret info), II (demoralization of enemy and sabotage) and III (counteract and render harmless the "foreign intel. services and itself" infiltrate the enemy services with its own undercover agents) and the newly organized group AII (SüdstellungsklMung - armaments reconnaissance). As Admiral CANARIS's counterintelligence fell apart GEHLEN's own intelligence service took form; in May '34 CANARIS was removed and at this time GEHLEN had his own Army Intelligence Service standing in the West which could continue its work relatively undisturbed under protective cover of the General Staff and the Ic service of the high staffs; GEHLEN, according to classical pattern of his function on General staff, should have been reviewing enemy's situation on eastern front but was in fact chief of counterintelligence in eastern theater of war.

During, last army chief of Staff, gave situation briefing to HITLER based on General GEHLEN's statements; HITLER scoffed.

GEHLEN gave another situation briefing based on Gen. GEHLEN's info; HITLER demanded GEHLEN's replacement.

GEHLEN surrendered near Berlin (his officer) to American patrols flown to Washington with some of his officers and files. GEHLEN assisted American info; reorganized section Foreign Armies of the German General Staff; specialists to work on intelligence about Soviet units and its' soviet influence.

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M/R: Only for the record info: compiled thru dredging, 19 Oct 56.

The following is info on one of Reinhard GEHLEN's alias:

• GONTARD, Robert  
b. 4 Mar 1905, Breslau, Germany.

Father: Franz GONTARD, German.

Mother: Elisa GONTARD, German.

174 cms, blue eyes, dark brown hair, wears spectacles.

1937-45 German Wehrmacht.

1945- Merchant, 10 Gneisenaustrasse, Frankfurt a/Main.

2 Apr 48 Subject issued XII M 478039, Frankfurt/M by Police President.

27 Dec 48 D-2831. Subject had passport # 49203.

19 Jul 50 TTD # 186070 cancelled this date. (had expired).

Jul 50 TTD # 0347186 issued.

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GEHLEN, Reinhard  
& Dr. SCHNEIDER

27 Nov 56, MR C

In a recent discussion re UPSWING Staff Personnel  
UTILITY stated that although he had given up over 80 individuals to  
the Defense Ministry and elsewhere he had since legalization been  
successful in recruiting some 200 new (mostly young) Staff members.  
He further stated that slots and money were no problem for him  
regarding personnel. The main difficulty was finding the suitable  
people, not only from a point of view of their ability and promise  
but from a security standpoint as well.

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